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SUBJECT: AMENDMENT ON WOMEN'S POLITICAL PARTICIPATION AND DISSOLUTION OF PARLIAMENT REF: A. CAIRO 0044 B. 08 CAIRO 2310 Classified By: Economic-Political Minister Counselor William R Stewart for reason 1.Key Points: -- (U) On June 15 the parliament approved an amendment to the People's Assembly Law (1972) to allot 64 new seats for women repres

- 2.(U) The new amendment to the People's Assembly Law of 1972 stipulates a quota for women's participation in the Peoples Assembly (PA) for a pe
- 3.(C) In the media, National Democratic Party (NDP) members praised the law. Amal Othman, a woman, a National Democratic Party (NDP) MP and hea
- 4.(U) Muslim Brotherhood "independent" MP's voted against the amendment and according press reports, Dr. Mohammed Saad Katatni, head of the MB
- 5.(C) Public comment from independent MPs was also negative. Many were concerned that a quota was not the optimum way to achieve women's partic
- 6.(C) Media reports of conflicting comments from NDP leaders like Moufid Shehab, who urged political parties to prepare for elections at "any t
- 7.(C) Hossam Badrawi also refuted rumors of dissolution, saying it would be "difficult to happen without me being part of it." Badrawi did ackr
- 8.(C) Rumors have surfaced in the last two weeks, in the press and from the Prime Minister's office, that a high level meeting is in the works
- 9.(C) NDP insiders Mohamed Kamal and Hossam Badrawi both believe dissolution is unlikely and we are inclined to believe them. That Mubarak has
- 10.(C) Others tell us that these rumors, both dissolution and Gamal Mubarak's selection as the NDP presidential candidate, may also reflect dek